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**REMARKS**

Claims 5, 6, 12, 13 and 17 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 18 are cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer, in favor of Applicants' right to file a continuation application. Applicants elect to have allowed claims 5, 6, 12, 13 and 17 issue as a patent. No new matter as been added. Since all the outstanding rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 18, Applicants respectfully request that the pending allowed claims 5, 6, 12, 13 and 17 be promptly passed to issue. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all of the pending allowed claims are in condition for issuance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to promptly pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicant hereby makes a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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